

## Statement under Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 the Commission, along with other public bodies in Scotland, has a duty to publish annual public statements relating to our expenditure in the following areas:

- Public relations
- Overseas travel
- Hospitality and entertainment
- External consultancy

This statement covers the financial year 2020-21.

### Public relations

	£
Publications	8,560
Website	3,270
Media monitoring	9,743
Interpretation	1,080
Photography	569
<b>Total public relations</b>	<b>23,222</b>

### Hospitality and entertainment

There was no expenditure on hospitality or entertainment in 2020-21.  
The Commission's expenditure on hospitality and entertainment

normally relates to holding events. Due to COVID-19 there were no in-person events held in 2020-21.

## **Overseas travel**

There was no expenditure on overseas travel during 2020-21 due to COVID-19.

## **External consultancy**

	£
Governance Review	9,900
Research into participation payments	6,650
National Preventative Mechanism joint report	4,800
Digital Scotland consultation response	3,470
Research – PhD contribution	2,044
Independent view on administrative law	560
Interview panel support	326
<b>Total external consultancy</b>	<b>27,750</b>

## **Other information**

**Individual payments with a value in excess of £25,000:** nil

**Multiple payments with a cumulative total in excess of £25,000**  
(individual payments not exceeding £25,000): nil

**Members or employees who received remuneration in excess of £150,000:** nil

**In taking steps to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and economy in the exercise of our functions, the Commission:**

- Occupies a shared building with SPSO and CYPICS, works with them to realise savings on property and facilities costs.
- Uses a shared services platform for IT.
- Explores other shared services opportunities as they arise.
- Has reviewed contracts for telecoms, specialist Health & Safety advice and payroll services to identify savings.
- Uses video conference and other technologies as appropriate to reduce our travel costs and environmental impact.

As Scotland's National Human Rights Institution it is inherent in the mandate of the Commission to take part in the international human rights system which can involve some international travel under normal circumstances. Careful consideration is given to all overseas travel by the Chair of the Commission. Due to COVID-19 no overseas travel took place in 2020-21.

### **Sustainability**

The Commission's Sustainability Report is available on our website at the following link <https://www.scottishhumanrights.com/publications/>.